

Rev<sup>d</sup> B. Green has promised to attend our proposed Convention and it is not unlikely that either Mr. Goodell or Smith or both may also attend. We sh<sup>d</sup> all be glad to see you at the Convention, but w<sup>d</sup> it not be at too great a risk of your health at that inclement season? I suppose you will publish a call immediately. If you will give me a general outline of the course to be pursued - principles to be discussed &c, I think

Butcher writes you at  
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Merriett's case  
Convention.

Mr. Bro. Judson says you need not fear exposure in attending the N.Y. Convention, & that you must come. We sh<sup>d</sup> be very glad to have you, if you can attend. Wm. L. Chapin

it will be better for you to <sup>do not</sup> keep in winter quarters, and reserve yourself for a Campaign next summer. Let me hear from you - write to Syracuse. Very many of the supporters of the A.B. acknowledge that their position is wrong. Very truly yrs  
Geo. Lafon



worst forms of Oppression in their Missionary Churches -  
or Idolatry itself we are refused a hearing, not because we pro-  
pose to tell what is true, (as they say,) but because we tell  
it in such a way as to ~~produce~~ prejudice against the Bd.  
I hope you will see W. when he visits N.Y. which he intends to do  
this winter.

We can have a good Chh. and kind friends to welcome us  
at either Syracuse or Canastota. The former is accessible to  
a larger number of people, and is otherwise the more suitable  
place for a Convention. I send you the following names which  
are signed to a paper favoring a call for a Convention to be held

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Rev <sup>d</sup> Merritt Bates	Albany	Wm <sup>s</sup> Chaplin
Rev <sup>d</sup> D. Green	Canastota	Alvan Stewart
✓ " M. M. Smart	Canastota	P. Trainor
✓ " J. J. Butler	Canastota	D. J. W. Ward
✓ " Washington Stickney	Canastota	Reuben Hough
✓ " Elias Sawley Jr	Syracuse	S. P. Hough
✓ " A. Judson	Jordan N.Y.	A. Thompson
		David Y. Emmerson
		Nash J. Howard
		Hervey Lewis
		Frank Clark
		Ambrose Still
		Halley Collins
		Abner Bates
		W. H. Scrantom
		Courtland Bates
		Chas. A. Wheaton
		Wm. Richards
		Jordan
		Nathl. Lafford
		C. P. Williams
		Wm. Freed
		G. H. Littlejohn
		C. P. Campbell
		H. S. Simpson
		E. D. Arnold
		E. W. Metcalf
		J. A. Wilson
		Willard Catton
		Young Lewis
		Stillman Spooner
		W. M. Clarke
		John Burns
		S. P. Dewey
		E. Cadwell
		Chas. Lombard
		Ans. P. Richards
		Albidge N.Y.



points to be secured with all return missionaries.

Merick passed through Boston without calling at the Mission House, and commenced a correspondence with Mr. Anderson. Mr. A. wrote that a Committee had been appointed to confer with Mr. M., and the latter replied, that he w<sup>d</sup> negotiate with them by Correspondence, or he w<sup>d</sup> meet the Committee, if they w<sup>d</sup> allow him to take in a fr<sup>d</sup> or two as advisers and witnesses, or, if they commanded it, he w<sup>d</sup> meet them alone. Mr. A. declines the two first proposals, and has not replied to the last, when I saw Merick.

The Case is a new one in this feature, that M. is recalled, and that he will not ask his dismissal. If they should not be able to induce him to do that, they will, of course, have to cut him off, which will lead to developments of their management of Missions and Missionaries, which they are probably not anxious to make.

The toleration of Idolatry in the Nestorian Churches, not only in suffering professed Converts, claimed by the missionaries, to remain member of these Churches, but in allowing them to continue to pray to the Virgin - Saints &c. is far from being generally known in this Country. M. says, that not one of the Converts claimed by the Missionaries ever ceased for a single day, to practice this worship, and it must be esteemed a singular fact, that such an Idolator as Mar. Yohannan could be introduced into Jaupeits here, and given important parts in devotional exercises, where Merick, and much less I, can by no means be heard. When we would tell that the P<sup>l</sup>, by their Missionaries, tolerates the



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Mr. John King and Dr. Oliver M. Kenney of Munson M., have paid to me the subscription price of the anti-Slavery Reporter, and wish their papers - one copy each - sent to them, from and after the 1<sup>st</sup> of January next.

Rev. Jas. L. Merriek was for ten or twelve years a missionary of the A. S. Bd among the Nestorians. He has been recalled by the Bd, and returned in Sept. last. Three or four reasons are given for his recall - that he did not obey the instructions of the Bd in some particular points - that he continued to labor for the Mahomedans, when he sh<sup>d</sup> have confined himself to the Nestorians &c. The real reason for his recall, he says, is that he opposed the prevailing course of policy in the mission. He feels injured by his recall, because there is implied dereliction in duty somewhere, which alone c<sup>d</sup> justify ~~it~~. He sympathized in sentiment with Jones who returned from that mission some months since. But J. has been induced to ask his dismissal, and is, possibly, bound to silence. These are the two pt.